GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPING SALT LAND IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry and their PSUs have taken interest in making available of Salt Land, Mumbai ;

(b) if so, whether the Urban Development Ministry is proposing to develop 5400 acres of salt land in Mumbai ;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether various proposals are being considered for making this land available to the different departments under the Government of India; and

(e) if so, the status and progress of the above proposals ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) to (e) : Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 9.5.2001 agreed in principle for transfer of Salt Pan Land from Deptt. of Industrial Policy and Promotion to Ministry of Urban Developmentand also decided that a Group of Ministers may examine issues relating to utilization of surplus salt land. A Group of Ministers headed by the then Urban Development Minister, Government ofIndia has visited some salt pan lands at Mumbai some time ago to examine the possibility of development of immediately available Salt Pan Lands, which may help rehabilitation of slums on lands of Central Government agencies such as Railways, Airports, Mumbai Port Trust, etc. Further action would depend on the recommendations of the Group of Ministers constituted for this purpose.